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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its forty-third session, the Sub-Commission adopted resolution 1991/9, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran". By this resolution the Sub-Commission, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to inform the Sub-Commission, at its forty-fourth session, of relevant reports by special rapporteurs or bodies in the field of human rights, as well as of steps that were being taken by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights to prevent violations of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (para. 6).

2. In compliance with this request, the attention of the Sub-Commission is drawn to the report which the Special Representative on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, presented to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session (E/CN.4/1992/34). This document also contains the report on the third visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran which the Special Representative carried out from 8 to 14 December 1991 at the invitation of the Government.

3. At its forty-eighth session, the Commission on Human Rights also had before it reports by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (E/CN.4/1992/18 and Corr.1) and by the Special Rapporteurs on summary or arbitrary executions (E/CN.4/1992/30 and Corr.1), on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (E/CN.4/1992/17) and on religious intolerance (E/CN.4/1992/52), which refer to the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran within the terms of their respective mandates.

4. On 4 March 1992, the Commission on Human Rights adopted, by a roll-call vote of 22 to 12, with 15 abstentions, resolution 1992/67 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

5. At its first regular session of 1992, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/67 of 4 March 1992, approved the Commission's decision to extend the mandate of the Special Representative, as contained in Commission resolution 1984/54 of 14 March 1984 for a further year, and the Commission's request to the Special Representative to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and a final report to the Commission at its forty-ninth session (decision 1992/239 of 20 July 1992).